

Special Session

Agenda Item #	3
Meeting Date	May 2, 2005
Prepared By	Sara Anne Daines HCD Director
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution declaring May 2005 as Historic Preservation Month in Takoma Park
Background	<p>The Council is being asked to consider, in support of a nation wide effort sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the approval of a resolution declaring the May as Historic Preservation Month in Takoma Park.</p> <p>The accompanying resolution celebrates the successful efforts of local residents, community-based groups such as Historic Takoma, and the City, to preserve the architectural and historic fabric of Takoma Park.</p>
Policy	<p>“To preserve and reinforce the many desirable features of Takoma Park . . . to preserve (its) livable qualities - stability, cohesiveness, scale, historic character, convenience (and) natural resources . . . “</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Master Plan (2000)</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution declaring May to be Historic Preservation Month in Takoma Park
Recommendation	To approve proposed resolution
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

Resolution 2005-
**RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2005 AS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH IN TAKOMA PARK**

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park, the first train and trolley car suburb of Washington, D.C., has within its boundaries, the Takoma Park Historic District, the largest historic district in Montgomery County, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in July 1976; and

WHEREAS, large numbers of houses, four of which were recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, have been lovingly maintained, restored and renovated; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park has for the past 26 years benefitted from the work of Historic Takoma, Inc., a local nonprofit organization that advocates for the preservation of the historical and architecturally significant buildings and spaces which define our community while providing informative educational programming, walking tours, and other services, events, and publications; and

WHEREAS, the community has recently begun to benefit from the efforts of the Facade Advisory Board and the Old Takoma Business Association's Main Street Initiative to revitalize Old Town and Takoma Junction, our historic business districts in an historically appropriate and architecturally sensitive manner; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the essential role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the physical fabric of the heritage that has shaped us as a community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that May 2005 is to be known and celebrated as Takoma Park Historic Preservation Month.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2005.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter,
Acting City Clerk